

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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GRANT AND COLFAX CLUB.—The citizens of the Thirteenth Ward held a meeting last night at the northeast corner of Ninth and Spring Garden streets, for the purpose of forming a Grant and Colfax Campaign Club. The meeting was called to order by William F. Scott, Esq., who introduced Mr. John H. Shoemaker, Chairman. After a short address from this gentleman, a committee of one from each precinct was appointed to present a list of permanent officers. During the absence of the Committee, the band played "Hail Around the Flag," which was greeted with cheers. The Committee returned and elected the following gentlemen as officers, and they were cheered by acclamation:—

President.—E. H. Fitter.

Vice-Presidents.—J. L. Shoemaker, Lewis Kupper, J. V. Young, Joseph Hennion, John W. Edwards, John P. Wilkinson, Samuel Allen, and John Kenney.

Recording Secretary.—James Lee.

Corresponding Secretary.—William Palmer.

A letter was read from Hon. Leonard Myers, stating that he regretted being unable to be present, but that the times looked propitious, and there were many persons hitherto acting with the Democratic party who would vote for Grant and Colfax. "Let us have peace," says our modest leader, and the people say so. They will trust him.

A letter was also read from General Tyndale, the Republican nominee for Mayor, stating that he had his best wishes for the formation of the Club, and that if the Republicans only work they will be successful.

Hon. A. Wilson Hovey, the Republican nominee for State Senator in the second district, was introduced. He was greeted with applause, and spoke of some length. He was followed by several others, and the meeting adjourned at a late hour.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.—The regular meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Poor took place yesterday afternoon at the Blockley Almshouse, President John M. Whittle in the chair. The House Agent reported the following census of the House for the week ending Saturday, July 18, 1868:—Number in the House, 233; same time last year, 286; increase, 147. Admitted within the last two weeks, 241; deaths, 10; deaths, 27; discharged, 123; adopted, 43; indentured, 2. Number of persons gradually leaving within the last two weeks, 106; total number in the House, 124; females, 104.

Total males and females in the Insane Department, less inpatients, 660. The Sixteach reported the house receipts at \$74,59. The Out-door Agent reported having collected for support cases, \$28,50.

A communication was received from J. D. Townson, Secretary of the Woodland Cemetery, calling attention to the division fence between the Almshouse property and the Cemetery grounds, which has been greatly out of repair, asking the co-operation of the Board of Governors to have it put in proper order. Referred to the Committee on Purchasing and Gardening.

The committee voted to call the attention of the Presidents and Directors of railroads running through the Almshouse grounds to the necessity of unearthing their roads for the passage of waste water from the Almshouse, reported that they had called the attention of the Presidents and Directors of the several railroads to the subject, and that they had received communications from each of them, in which there is no recognition of any responsibility on their part to make a passage for the water. The Committee voted to call the attention of the Board of Health to call to the existing authorities, and a general search of their hands, referred to the Committee on Purchasing and Gardening.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Hawaiian *Star* Prince, lately returned to Honolulu from Australia, Australia, reports having run into a heavy gale, and being driven along the coast of W. S. China, and taking shelter at Macao, where he obtained a passage to Liverpool. He will be at Liverpool on the 1st instant.

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rains through the spring have much delayed the work, so probably it will not be finished before the 1st of November. The bricklayers' strike has added to the delay, but the superintendent has at last engaged fifteen journeymen on the terms demanded—\$150 a day for eight hours' work. These are now laboring without the supervision of the former contractor. The labor of sixteen hod-carriers is dispensed with by means of an engine which raises the bricks to the upper scaffolding.

Much of the wood-work and machinery is preparing in a building near the East River, where the scenery is also being painted. The designs for the scenes, properties, etc., are prepared, and the figures and decorations in their reliefs, which will accompany them, will be ready by the time the roof is laid. The decorative artist is Mr. G. G. Garibaldi, an Italian. The ornamentation will have a simple and classic rather than an elaborate tendency.

The interior walls will be finished in a style well known in Italy, but novel here. A marble cement will be laid immediately on the bricks, without the intervention of lath and plaster. The doors of the lobbies will be of patent tiles, and will be rendered extremely hard. The doorways of the lobbies will be embellished with elaborate and artistic designs.

The wardrobe is rapidly preparing, under the superintendence of Mr. Joyce of Boston. Great pains will be taken to present every dress in strict accordance with the spirit it is intended to represent, a feature that the American stage has hitherto been deficient in. A number of niches will be placed in the walls of the lobbies, and filled with marble statuary. Several of these are already in the possession of Mr. Booth. The rest will be sculptured by Laughton Thompson. The niches will contain figures of Shakespeare, those at the sides are not determined upon. They will probably be Milton and the elder Booth.

The theatre, including all expenses, will cost over \$500,000. It fronts one hundred and eighty-foot on Twenty-third street, and one hundred feet on Sixth avenue.

English Newspapers.

From an instructive article on "English and American newspapers," in *Harper's Monthly* for August, we extract the following:—

"Looking at the London daily papers in mass, you will find that the majority of their contents are exactly alike, after making due allowances for peculiarities of style and editorial differences of opinion. The keen competition for news so observable in the American papers is almost unknown in England. You will rarely find any important intelligence in one newspaper which is not published in all the others; and if you do, it is ten to one that the special news is contradicted the next day. In fashionable intelligence, however, the *Post* is far in advance of its contemporaries, and is really the only journal worth consulting for this kind of news. Why it should be so I cannot explain, since the same intelligence is easily obtainable by all the papers; but the *Post* gets it first and pays for it handsomely, and the other journals are satisfied to copy it in the morning afterwards."

"The ribstitch *Court Journal*, chronicling that the Queen rode, drove, or walked in or out of the Home Park, is still regularly published in all the London papers, and the movements of the other members of the royal family are recorded with the same exactitude; but not a single paper has the spirit to inform us what the royal family had for dinner, and how much they ate, or what time they went to bed, and how they slept. Even the *Post* is deficient in this respect. The *News* was the official and popular organ of the liberal party before the establishment of the *Telegraph*, and is now about to seek to regain this position by reducing its price from threepence to one penny. In tone this journal closely resembles the *New York Times*—its liberalism has a conservative element, its opposition is gentlemanly, its manner is genial. The attaches of the *News* state that all of them are possessed of private fortunes, and work rather for the love of the profession than for pecuniary rewards. I sincerely hope that this statement may be true without a solitary exception, in which case we may place the *News* among the curiosities of journalism. Its proprietors have certainly a right to rank first among newspaper editors, for they have repeatedly divided among their employees a large portion of the profits of the paper. The foreign correspondence of the *News* was once unrivaled; I am sorry to learn that it has been recently reorganized.

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SUN RISE..... 4:16 MOON RISE..... 8:19

SUN SET..... 7:26 HIGH WATER..... 2:29

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JAMES YOUNG, CO-CHAS. WALTON, & CO. MONTHLY COMMITTEE.

EDWARD M. POTTER, SECRETARY.

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